

REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given by the applicants to the Examiner's comments and rejection of various of the claims, as set forth in the outstanding Office Action, and favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, as amended, is earnestly solicited.

Applicants gratefully note the Examiner's indication that at least Claims 1 and 5-7 are directed to allowable subject matter, inasmuch as only Claims 1, 3 and 4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,483,865, as detailed in the Office Action.

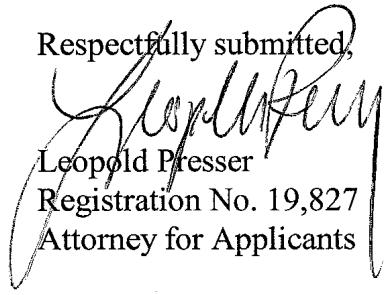
Accordingly, in order to place the present application into substantial order for allowance, applicant has essentially amended Claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of allowable Claim 2 into Claim 1 to place that claim into condition for allowance.

Furthermore, the remaining claims have also been amended as applicable so as to be dependent from the allowable Claim 1, thereby meeting all of the Examiner's grounds of rejection and placing the application into order for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

However, in the event that the Examiner has any queries concerning the instantly submitted Amendment, applicants' attorney respectfully requests that he be accorded the courtesy of possibly a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

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